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# MINUTES

OF THE

## THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# CAREY

## Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

### MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH,

CLAY COUNTY, ALA.,

NOVEMBER 10TH, 11TH & 12TH, 1886.

### OFFICERS:

ELDER W. T. DAVIS.....Moderator.....Lineville, Ala.  
W. J. L. HOOD.....Clerk.....Ashland, Ala.

THE next Session will be held with the Ashland Baptist Church, Clay County, Alabama, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1887.

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## MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH,  
BLAKE'S STORE, ALA.,  
Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1886.

The Thirty-second Annual Session of the Carey Baptist Association convened with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Clay county, Ala., on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 1886.

The Introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. E. M. Moore, from 1 Cor. 2: 2: "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." The hymn 641, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," was sung before preaching. In conclusion, prayer was offered by Rev. M. M. Driver.

The Association was then adjourned till 1 o'clock, p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment, and in the presence of the Moderator, Rev. W. M. Worthy, the moderator appointed Rev. J. C. Motley Moderator *pro tem*, after which he announced the body in order for business.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Motley. The letters from the different churches were then called for and presented.

Upon request of the Moderator, Brethren M. M. Driver, Mansell Garrett and J. C. Motley read the letters and the Clerk enrolled the names of the messengers as follows:

#### FIRST DISTRICT.

Ashland—L. G. Dean, W. J. L. Hood, S. S. Galtner.  
Hatchet Creek—Sam Quarles, W. J. Ponder.  
Friendship—G. W. Wynn.  
Liberty—P. T. Wood, A. L. Haynes.  
Mt. Lebanon—Not represented.  
Liberty Hill—S. H. Woods, J. L. Napier.  
Spring Hill (Clay)—Not represented.

#### SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Zion—W. J. Jones, J. W. Hughes.  
New Salem—J. O. Davis, A. J. Woodruff.  
Pleasant Hill—W. H. Harvell, J. A. Wallace.  
Providence—James Jones, G. T. Varnon, E. A. Harlan.  
Rock Spring—W. E. Luker, J. D. McQuinn, B. F. Luker, Alternates.  
Rocky Creek—W. K. Rotton, G. B. Rotton.  
Sardis—J. W. Hooten, J. S. Ray.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

Antioch—T. J. Pitts, W. A. Gaither.  
Bethel—F. M. Goodwin, J. W. Bass.  
County Line—A. B. Conner, T. J. Strickland, L. T. Walker.  
Holly Springs—Leander Robertson.  
Mt. Calvary—S. A. Killgore, J. E. Fargason.  
Mt. Olive—Marshall Johnson, A. H. Fargason.  
Mountain Spring—W. M. Worthy, J. A. Kufas.  
Spring Hill (Tallapoosa)—J. H. Griffin, J. A. Dunn, Joe Dunn.  
Corinth—J. W. [unclear], J. L. Joiner.

### FOURTH DISTRICT.

Concord—J. C. Whatley, David Whatley.  
Good Hope—T. A. Edmondson, J. G. Hubbard, A. B. Jordan, alternate.  
Leville—J. M. Moon, W. B. Smith, J. A. Bell.  
Mt. Gilhead—Not represented.  
Mt. Prospect—J. H. Willingham, W. C. Curran, R. J. Adamson, J. L. Graham.  
Salem—G. W. Miller, S. Y. Lambert, N. Browning.  
Shiloh—B. F. Hallmark, H. Burry.  
Mt. Pleasant—Y. J. A. Bartlett, C. W. Bartlett and Aaron Bell, Wyatt Green, alternates.

Petitionary letters were called for by the Moderator. None were presented.

An election for officers was next in order. The Moderator appointed Rev. Mansell Garret and Allen Thompson to receive the ballots and cast up the vote. They announced that Rev. W. T. Davis had been elected Moderator, and W. J. L. Hood Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator elect addressed the body briefly, telling them that he would serve as best he could in any capacity they required. He then declared the Association ready for business.

Appointed on Preaching the following Committee: T. J. Strickland, W. J. Ponder, and the messengers from Mt. Pleasant church.

Appointed on Finance; W. B. Smith, Aaron Bell, and S. S. Gaither.

On motion, the body adjourned till 9 o'clock Thursday morning. A hymn was sung and prayer offered by Rev. R. C. A. Ashcraft. Rev. M. M. Driver pronounced the benediction.

### SECOND DAY.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH,  
THURSDAY, NOV. 11, 1886,  
9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Association assembled. The Moderator read the scriptures, the body joined in singing hymn 731, after which prayer was offered by Rev. L. A. J. Nelson.  
On motion, the Directory of last session was adopted.  
On motion, letters were presented and read by the Clerk.  
On motion, the Clerk read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

A call for correspondents was made by the Moderator, and, in response, Rev. F. H. Moss reported from East Liberty Association. His Association is in good working order, which is evident from the fact that it raised about \$1,500.00 for missions at the late session held with Providence church, Chambers county.

Rev. Mansell Garrett and brethren Moore and Hardy were present from Boiling Springs Association. Bro. Garrett reported that this body is in a hopeful state, as it raised more funds for missions at the late session held at Delta than was required by the State Board.

The next morning (Friday) Rev. G. B. Jenkins reported from the Carrollton, Ga., Association.

The Moderator extended the hand of greeting to all correspondents, inviting them to seats, and asking them to take part in the deliberations of the Association.

### CORRESPONDENTS TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

Liberty, (east)—To be held with Dade church, Tallapoosa county, on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1887—Revs. J. C. Motley, M. M. Driver, W. T. Davis and Brethren W. J. L. Hood, W. W. Dunn, W. R. Rotton, J. A. Dunn, T. J. Strickland, A. T. Williams.

Boiling Springs—To be held with the church at Heflin, Ala., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1887—Revs. W. M. Scarborough, John Garrett, B. C. A. Ashcraft, J. N. Moore, A. J. Moore and Brethren J. M. Hudson and H. Runyan.

Rock Mills—It embraces fourth Sunday in October, 1887—Revs. J. C. Motley, A. J. Moore, and Brethren E. L. Robertson, G. T. Egan and Zach Jordan.

Cocoa River—To be held with the church, Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1887—Revs. W. T. Davis, M. M. Driver and Brethren J. G. Robertson, J. D. Rainwaters, W. W. Dunn, J. C. Whatley, H. Runyan.

Central—To be held with Spring Hill church, and embraces first Sunday in October, 1887—Revs. R. E. Conger, I. A. J. Nelson.

Tallapoosa River—It embraces fourth Sunday in October, 1887—Rev. R. E. Conger and W. R. Rotton.

Arbachoochee—It embraces third Sunday in October, 1887—Revs. J. W. Knowles, John Garrett and W. M. Scarborough.

### TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Union Springs—To meet with the first Baptist church at Union Springs on Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1887—Revs. W. T. Davis, I. A. J. Nelson and Brethren W. J. L. Hood and T. J. Strickland.

### TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Louisville—The next session of the Southern Baptist Convention opens with the first Baptist church in Louisville, Ky., on the 6th of May, 1887—Revs. W. T. Davis, J. C. Motley and W. J. L. Hood.

The Moderator called for the report of standing committees, and the different reports were read and acted on as follows.

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work is in its infancy. The move was organized a little

more than a century ago by Robert Raikes, who assembled the destitute and those who know little about the Bible, on each Lord's day, and instructed them in the Holy Scriptures. This was the crowding glory of that humble man's life, who instituted what is now familiarly known as Sabbath schools.

It is not the intention of your committee to show or undertake to show that Sunday schools are auxiliaries of Christ's church. The church, we believe, is a separate and complete organization within itself; but the Sunday school occupies a relation to the church which is almost inseparable. In plain words, your committee would state that the Sunday school is a means of worshipping God and the Word of God assures us of the blessings that await our labors.

Though the passage, "Train up a child in the way it should go, and when it is old, it will not depart from it" has been so often quoted, and so many features and phases have been made of it, still it remains the unvarnished word of God. It must mean that boys and girls may be made, by the Spirit of God and Christian teachers, men and women in the image of the Master.

And, dear brethren, if you implant the plain and simple principles of religion in the minds and hearts of the young, time only can tell the result.

And it is the judgment of your committee that a large majority of the churches in the Carey Association do not report these training or Bible schools in their midst. No recognition practically means opposition; and the church which opposes the assembling together of her young people, and old ones, too, on the Sabbath, and reading and conversing on the Old and New Testaments has an inglorious as well as a dejected future.

Your committee earnestly believe in the development of, and the support given, the institutions fostered by the Baptist denomination very largely depend on this work. True, we can allude only to territory with which we are acquainted, and to statistical information. Wherever Sunday schools flourish, we have observed that officers and teachers are fully alive to all the enterprises of our church, and consequently our means when it is so that Sunday schools are declaring the whole counsel of God, while churches without such schools dwarf.

In conclusion, brethren, your committee would recommend that system be specially introduced into every school that a copy of the Bible be placed in the hands of every student as well as other literature; and that schools throughout the Association observe as far as practicable all the requirements of our denomination.

We notice that Ashland Sunday school has introduced quarterly collections on the envelop plan and makes a fair showing.

Will not other schools try the same? Do not let the word of God be longer beclouded in your midst, but rather commit all to Him who gave himself for our redemption, for the work, the power and the glory all are His.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. L. HOOD,  
Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. J. L. Hood, Revs. F. H. Moss, J. C. Motley, R. C. A. Ashmun and E. M. Moore. During the discussion by Bro. Moore the Moderator announced that the hour for preaching had arrived and accordingly adjourned business for the evening.

The V. G. Sermon was then preached by Rev. F. H. Moss, as Bro. W. T. Davis, who had been appointed to preach it, felt indisposed.

Hymn 519 was sung before preaching.

The text was from Rom. 12:1—"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a



living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

The sermon was able and instructive. After preaching a collection was taken up and \$21.05 were contributed.

The Association then adjourned for refreshments.

4. AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The messengers and visitors spent an hour in recreation and in the enjoyment of the hospitality of the church and community. Dinner was prepared and spread on the ground and the whole congregation enjoyed the bountiful repast supremely.

At 1 o'clock, p. m., the messengers re-assembled in the house; hymn 490 was sung and prayer offered by Rev. J. G. Robinson, after which the body resumed business.

The discussion of the Sunday school report was continued by Rev. E. M. Moore, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Argument after argument, from time to time and from year to year, has been offered on this heaven-born subject, until, apparently, many people have become hardened on this all-absorbing theme.

We now come to you in the language of inspiration.

Is it better to obey God than man? If so hear ye Greek Missionary sent from high Heaven to the sons and daughters of men, dear brethren, Oh! hear Heaven's King. "Go ye about the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Brethren, arise and preach the whole armor of God

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN GARRETT, Chairmap.

The report was discussed by Revs. M. M. Driver and F. H. Moss.

Before the report was adopted, the churches were called in order, and asked to say what they would try to raise for missions during the next associational year, and the following responded:

Ashland.....	\$ 30 00	M. Pleasant.....	2 00
Sam Quarles and M. M. Driver		Elmer.....	2 00
for Hatchet Creek.....	25 00	W. L. L. ....	3 00
Pole Bridge.....	5 00	County Lane.....	5 00
Liberty Hill.....	5 00	Mt. Cavalry.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00	St. Olive.....	5 00
Providence.....	20 00	Mountain Spring.....	20 00
Rock Spring.....	5 00	Concord.....	5 00
Sardis.....	15 00	S. V. Lamberth for Sale.....	2 00

Several other churches did not state any amount, but promised to do all they could in inducing a more liberal contribution from their members during next year.

The report was adopted.

The Association, on motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Scott and the benediction pronounced by Rev. F. H. Moss.

Before adjournment the Moderator announced that I. A. J. Nelson would preach at Lineville Thursday night.

#### THIRD DAY.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH.

FRIDAY, Nov. 12th, 1886.

9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met in the house; the Moderator read the 15th Psalm; the congregation sang "Am I a soldier of the Cross," and Rev. F. H. Moss led in prayer.

The Moderator then declared the body ready for business.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

So far as your committee can ascertain, the churches have not been troubled to a great extent during the past year with intemperate members, as regards the use of intoxicating beverages. We trust the day is not far distant when many true Nazarites may be seen, such as Samuel, Samson, John the Baptist and others.

Temperance is enjoined in all things; but your committee is aware that it is the suppression of intemperance in regard to intoxicating stimulants that now should and must be accomplished.

The apostle Paul represents temperance as one of the main pillars of true manhood. It is one of those qualities which the great apostle spoke of adding to knowledge. It is also represented as one of the fruits of the Spirit.

The real character of anything is disclosed by its effect upon such objects as are brought under its full power; hence, the necessity of Christians abstaining from the use of all intoxicating drinks, for the use of whiskey in any of its various forms is wrong and antagonistic to Christianity. We are commanded not to even look upon the wine when it is red.

We deem it useless to refer this intelligent body to the many scripture quotations condemning the use of all alcoholic drinks.

Christianity stands in the world to-day an impregnable wall against the hordes of intemperance, and thus saves the world from degradation and death which otherwise would deluge it.

Let us not forget, my dear brethren, that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Let us do all in our power to exterminate this monster evil from our land, and by so doing exalt the glorious banner of Christianity. Let us continue to battle for the cause of our blessed Master.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. STEICKLAND, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Rev. M. M. Driver and F. H. Moss and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We commend the Alabama Baptist as worthy of our support and confidence. We believe it has done and is still doing much to build up and unify the churches in all of our denominational interests. But, in order to make it still more effectual, it should be more extensively read by our people.

Kind Words is an excellent Sunday School paper and worthy of our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

B. M. MOORE, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. L. Good and Rev. F. H.

Moss, each of whom proposed to take subscriptions for the Alabama Baptist.

The report was adopted.

#### REPORT ON READING THE BIBLE.

We believe that all Christians acknowledge the Scriptures to be the Word of God; that they are given by inspiration; that they are the only rule of faith and practice; that they are God's will concerning us, pointing out the way of life to ruined man, and teaching us that life is in Christ alone, who, the Scriptures show, is revealed to us through the Holy Spirit.

This Bible, in its doctrines, sufficiently meets every condition of its believers and offers consolation and encouragement to its votaries, whether in prosperity or adversity, whether oppressed or distressed.

The Scriptures bring to our mind's comprehension the sweet promise that "God's grace is sufficient for you;" and again, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee;" and "I will be to you a father and you shall be my sons and daughters."

Oh! what comfort accrues to God's children through the blessed Bible.

The Bible brings to lost and ruined man a knowledge of God's love to him. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to come here and die for the sins of the whole world, that every man might have life. It tells the sinner that he must repent and turn from his iniquity to be saved. It tells God's children that the world is the field and they are to occupy it. It tells us, if we are God's children, that we are bought with a price and that we belong to God, soul and body, wife and children, houses and lands, with all that we have and are, and with all these things God is to be honored.

With such a Bible, containing such grand and glorious truths, how, O, dear brethren, how should we read and appreciate it at the same time strictly obey its precepts. If the world is the field, the blessed Savior our Master, and we His children and soldiers, let us go forth in His name and possess it by sending the Bible to all nations of the earth. Let us read this Holy Bible with our hearts full of love to God and our fellow-man, and then let us obey its precepts and serve Him as He has commanded.

Respectfully submitted.

M. M. DRIVER, Chairman.

The report was adopted without discussion.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

The Scriptures teach us that a tree is known by its fruit. Judging from the letters from the different churches, we can but conclude that they have departed from their first love, and are lukewarm, wanting in piety and devotion to the cause of Christ.

Having loved this present world, they have robbed God by withholding more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver. He cannot love a stingy, covetous people, nor they are idolaters.

Dear brethren, we do not manifest that interest in the cause of Christ, and for the salvation of the perishing world required of and becoming the church of Him who gave Himself for us, purchasing to Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Some of the churches state that they are in peace and God for His blessings, yet making no returns of love for His manifold mercies, which is a contradiction of terms.

Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. DAVIS, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Revs. W. T. Davis, G. B. Jenkins, J. C. Motley and J. N. Moore.

Pending the discussion of the report, the Association adjourned for one hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After dinner was over the messengers re-assembled in the house, sang hymn, "Savior, more than life to me," and prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Shaddix.

The report on State of Churches was again taken up, and adopted without further discussion.

#### REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

W. J. Ponder made an oral report, stating that no minister within the bounds of the Association had died since the last session, except Eld. Isaac Weaver. As he had not been able to ascertain all the particulars of our aged brother's life and the facts relative to his death, and therefore not being prepared to arrange a [befitting] reference to his life work, he moved that the Committee be released and that Rev. W. T. Davis and the Clerk of the Association be appointed to prepare and spread on the minutes of this session a memorial of Bro. Weaver.

The motion was carried.

Rev. G. B. Jenkins suggested to the Moderator the appropriateness of offering special prayer for the bereaved family of the deceased brother, and accordingly Bro. Jenkins led the body in fervent prayer.

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Committee has employed no evangelist this year, because they were restrained from so doing by the churches refusing to endorse them in such action.

The Committee thinks it the duty of the churches of this Association to take more individual responsibility, and that more and definite should be their contributions. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. L. HOOD, Chairman.

The report was adopted without discussion.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

For State Missions.....	\$ 37 05
Home Missions.....	22 95
Foreign Missions.....	82 20
Building Chapel at Key West.....	5 00
Minute Fund.....	48 95
Associational Purposes.....	1 75

Total amount received.....\$ 197 90

W. B. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was adopted

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

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To amount received from Finance Committee.....\$ 197 90

Total amount received.....\$ 197 90—\$ 197 90

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By amount paid W. B. Crumpton.....\$ 142 20

paid I. T. Tichenor.....5 00

used in procuring minutes.....48 95

used for Associational purposes.....1 75

Total disbursement.....\$ 197 90—\$ 197 90

## RESOLUTIONS.

W. B. SMITH.

*Resolved.* That the Clerk of this Association have the thanks of this body for the orderly, and instructive minutes gotten up of the last session of this Association, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services in making out and printing the minutes of this session.

M. M. DRIVER.

*Resolved.* That the Association instruct the Executive Committee to act in regard to a missionary in our bounds, as they in their judgment shall think proper.

W. J. L. HOOD.

*Resolved.* That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Mt. Pleasant church and the community generally for the kind and hospitable manner in which the Carey Baptist Association has been entertained during the present session.

J. C. MOTLEY.

*Resolved.* That each messenger and minister lay the subject of foot-washing before their several churches, and that each church, as an independent body, act for itself.

The last resolution was discussed by W. J. L. Hood and Rev. G. B. Jenkins, and, on motion of the former, was tabled.

## NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. T. Davis.....	Lineville, Alabama
W. A. Scott.....	" "
W. M. Scarborough.....	Ashland, "
J. G. Robinson.....	" "
J. W. Knowles.....	" "
W. C. Brooks.....	" "
E. M. Moore.....	Flat Rock, "
L. A. J. Nelson.....	Hillabee, "
J. C. Motley.....	Daviston, "
W. M. Worthy.....	Mellow Valley, "
L. W. H. Walker.....	" "
R. E. Conger.....	Pinckneyville, "
John Conger.....	" "
M. Hudgens.....	White Cloud, "
J. T. Dameron.....	Moseley, "
W. R. Bugg.....	Bluff Spring, "
J. A. Shaddix.....	Shinbone, "
R. M. Allen.....	Emucklaw, "

## LICENTIATES.

A. S. Brannon.....	Wheelersville, Alabama.
J. A. Dunn.....	Daviston, "
J. P. Motley.....	" "
J. M. Fant.....	" "
W. C. Hood.....	Almond, "
J. W. Hodge.....	" "
R. T. Williams.....	" "
Leander Robertson.....	" "
G. W. Holdrige.....	" "
W. A. Brown.....	" "

D. E. Thompson.....	Mellow Valley,	"
J. C. Reid.....	Idaho,	"
W. E. Horn.....	"	"
H. L. Horn.....	"	"
J. W. Willingham.....	Dingler,	"
Wm. Johnson.....	White Cloud,	"
A. J. Moore.....	Lineville,	"
G. W. McMullin.....	Harlan,	"
W. H. Harvell.....	Hillabee,	"
J. D. McCord.....	"	"
W. W. McMath.....	Ashland,	"

### NOTES FROM LETTERS.

The following churches report Sunday Schools:

CHURCHES.	ENROLLMENT.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Ashland.....	85.....	W. J. L. Hood.
Lineville.....	60.....	W. P. Arnett.
County Line.....	60.....	T. J. Strickland.
Daviston.....	140.....	J. A. Dunn.
Liberty.....	80.....	J. E. Upchurch.
Mt. Pleasant.....	70.....	Aaron Bell.
Concord.....	unknown.....	unknown.
Good Hope.....	75.....	Frank Moon.
Matchet Creek.....	unknown.....	unknown.
Liberty Hill.....	unknown.....	unknown.
Antioch.....	unknown.....	unknown.
Mt. Calvary.....	unknown.....	A. J. Conner.

The above statements are all we can get from the letters. I think there are other churches that have Sunday schools, but I can not report only what the letters record.

Brethren, do report in your letters next year whether you have schools or not, and if so, who your superintendents are, and the number of pupils enrolled.

The above table shows only thirteen Sunday schools within the bounds of the Association, in which there are thirty-three churches. Do not neglect this work longer, brethren, for God requires it at your hands. CLERK.

The following churches report prayer meetings: Ashland, Lineville, Good Hope, Mt. Pleasant, County Line and Antioch.

Six churches out of thirty-three report prayer meetings. Does this speak well or not?

Let us again remind you, brethren, that the report of prayer meetings is not what it should be. As a rule, churches without these meetings are dead. Churches, composed of members who do not read their Bibles, nor pray in church, nor meet in prayer-meetings, give but little evidence of spiritual life.

"All things whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

It has been well said, "Prayer is the key that unlocks the doors of Heaven."

I trust more of the churches will engage in these services during the ensuing year. CLERK.

### DIVINE SERVICES.

Wednesday—The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev.

E. M. Moore, at 11 o'clock a. m.

At night Rev. J. C. Motley preached at the church.

Thursday—Rev. F. H. Moss preached the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m.

At night Rev. I. A. J. Nelson preached at Lineville.

Friday—No preaching.

## ADJOURNMENT.

At 3 o'clock, Friday afternoon, the thirty-second annual session of the Carey Baptist Association adjourned to meet with Ashland church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1887.

During the singing of the hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King," the messengers, ministers and sisters extended the parting hand.

In conclusion, Rev. M. M. Driver offered prayer, after which the benediction was pronounced, and the Moderator announced that the Association stood adjourned.

## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

## TO OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS.

*Dear Brethren:* The Thirty-second Annual Session of the Carey Baptist Association has just convened.

God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us during the past year. Most of our churches have been specially blessed with gracious revivals, and many have been added to the kingdom of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the righteous.

But still the spirit of denominational pride, and honoring the Master for His goodness to us, are sadly wanting. We, through long years of lethargy and inactivity, have practiced many things inconsistent with our name, and dishonoring to the grand cause of the Missionary Baptist denomination, and, by our neglect of duty, have brought shame and reproach upon the cause of our best Redeemer. We do not support the objects fostered by our denomination. We have not learned to take upon ourselves personal responsibility, or rather, if we are impressed with our individual duty as Christians, we fail to act upon our convictions.

We do not realize that "Go work to-day in my vineyard" is our individual duty; but we trust ere long that all can say, "I have applied myself diligently to every good work."

The most of our churches ignore the command, "Go ye, therefore, into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They seem to think the command is not binding on them, if we take their actions for our guide.

Oh, that we all may be actuated and guided by the Spirit, as the Star guided the wise men from the east.

We have welcomed your correspondents to our Association and send our correspondence to meet with your respective bodies.

May the divine blessings of our Great Head be with you all. W. W. CLERK.

## MISSION NOTES.

The Ashland Sunday school has set a good example for other schools.

There is no question of more importance to the Baptist denomination than systematic beneficence—some matured plans by which all may be reached. We know of no better plan than to implant these principles in the minds and hearts of the boys and girls.

The superintendent of the Ashland school has introduced quarterly collections into the school, and at these such collections \$17.03 were raised. This makes a good showing, and if schools throughout the Association would introduce some matured and well gotten up plan of systematic beneficence, in a few years the results would be telling.

CLERK.

## THE STATE BOARD.

The State Board is located at Marion, Ala. J. M. Frost is President, and W.

B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The State Board is charged with raising funds for the Home and Foreign Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention; for indigent ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, who need aid. Any church making contributions for the above objects can forward to W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala. This Board has now forty employes. During the year, sixty-five have labored for all or a part of their time.

#### THE HOME BOARD.

The Home Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. John D. Stewart is President, and I. T. Tichenor Corresponding Secretary. It is the aim of this Board to supply the destitution of the Southern Baptist Convention with the Gospel; to evangelize the Indians, and colored race, and to aid in building churches throughout the bounds of the Convention. Its field is extensive, its work noble, and its purpose to honor God. All contributions made to this Board are to be forwarded to W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., with directions for their application.

The Home Board, during the past conventional year, employed two hundred and fifty-five missionaries, distributed as follows: Alabama 1, Arkansas 21, Florida 41, Georgia 5, Indian Territory 20, Louisiana 7, Missouri 2, Texas General Association 81, Texas Convention 81, Western North Carolina 14, Washington City 1, Virginia 1.

During the last conventional year of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alabama has increased her contributions over the year previous, to Home Missions, \$418.00. Let her show a still greater increase during the next year.

#### THE FOREIGN BOARD.

The foreign Mission Board is located at Richmond, Va. H. H. Harris is President, and H. A. Tupper Corresponding Secretary. The object of this Board is the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands and on foreign fields.

There is no grander or nobler work on earth. Brethren, let us help to supply these men and women of God with means, who are giving their lives to this work. Let us glorify God in our spirits, with our bodies and with our substance, all of which are His.

The Foreign Board, during the past conventional year, employed 120 missionaries and native assistants, distributed as follows: Brazil 12, Mexico 14, Italy 14, Africa 16, China 64.

During the past year, Alabama has increased her contributions over the year previous to Foreign Missions \$1023.00. Still, the Baptists of Alabama are not doing what they should to carry on this glorious work.

#### DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

Total Baptist membership in the Carey Association.....	2,144
Baptist membership in Alabama (W. & C.).....	208,184
Baptist membership in United States.....	2,542,238
Baptist membership in the world.....	2,135,127

#### CHURCHES.

Total Baptist churches in Carey Association.....	23
Baptist churches in Alabama.....	2,245
Baptist churches in United States.....	28,953
Baptist churches in the world.....	2,209

There are about 1,440,000,000 human souls in the world and 1,045,000,000 of this number have never heard the name of Jesus, the only hope of salvation for them.

#### NOTE.

During the past associational year the membership of the Carey Association gave an average of 3½ cents apiece for the christianizing of this billion and a half of benighted heathens.

Oh, how little, brethren and sisters, are we doing for Christ! I fear God



not longer smile upon us in giving us peace and plenty, if we continue to rob Him as we have done in the past.

Hear what the Bible says:

Mat. 3-8, 9, 10. "Will a man rob thee? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the store house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Prov. 3-9, 10. "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

I Cor. 9-7. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Prov. 11-24, 25. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

II Cor. 8-11, 12. "Now, therefore, perform the doing of it, that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which we have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

Ex. 35-5. "Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord: Gold, silver and brass."

Eccles. 11-1, 2. "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight, for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth."

II Chron. 31-10. "Since the people began to bring the offerings into the house of the Lord we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty, for the Lord has blessed His people, and that which is left is this great store."

I Cor. 16-2. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him."

Mark 12-41, 44. "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury, and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples and he saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

We see from this last scripture that Jesus Himself sat over against the treasury and looked on as they cast in their offerings. This certainly shows that he was interested in this matter. Have you ever thought, brethren and sisters, that our blessed Savior is still interested in this Christian duty of ours, and that he stands by and beholds when we cast into the treasury? Let every brother and sister give according as the Lord has prospered them. Though it be but a mite, if we give it in the right spirit, the Lord will graciously accept it, for we see that He commended the poor widow, but said not a word in praise of the rich who had cast so much, for they had not done as much according to their ability as she had done.

May God through His Holy Spirit impress us all to do our duty. CLERK.

### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and the impotency of man to recover himself from the fallen state he is in, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost, and that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects of the ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, and have come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery and are in fellowship in the churches of which they are members.

### CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall meet annually as an advisory council, and shall be composed of messengers chosen by the churches of this union, and all regularly ordained ministers of our faith and order, within the bounds of the body.

2. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers, irrespective of numbers, and one for every additional fifty thereafter over fifty.

3. The messengers and ministers thus convened shall be denominated the Carey Baptist Association.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present at each session, and shall be of the body, holding their offices until the next election. The Clerk shall also be Treasurer of the Association.

5. The churches of this union shall express in their letters the names of their messengers and post-office, Sabbath of meeting, amount of contributions, number baptized, received by letter, restored to fellowship, dismissed, ex-communicated and dead since the last session of this Association.

6. No act of this Association shall be binding on the churches, but it shall be its duty to give advice in matters of difficulty, and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

7. If any churches desire to be admitted into this union, they shall petition by letter and messengers, and, upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association.

8. Any church may withdraw from this Association at discretion, or, on application, may obtain a letter of dismission.

9. This Association shall use her own discretion as respects the cause of dismissions, leaving the churches and members free to exercise their own opinion in such cases.

10. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to endeavor to reclaim the church thus offending, and, if satisfaction cannot be obtained, the aggrieved church shall then call in the aid of one or two other churches, and if these should fail, it shall call in five of the nearest churches to help with the first two assisting churches. And it shall be the duty of the churches thus called to investigate and decide upon the matter of dealing and to report the same to the Association, and, if the said accused church be guilty as charged, the Association shall withdraw from her.

11. This Association may correspond with other Associations and Conventions of the same faith and order, and withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

13. This Association may have power to adjourn to any time and place she may deem most convenient.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for letters from churches and enroll the names of messengers.
3. Proceed to the election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for petitionary letters from churches desiring admission into this body.
5. Appoint committees on preaching, business and finance.
6. Receive correspondents.
7. Duty of Moderator.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the members to order at the proper time, to announce the business in order before the Association, to receive and submit all motions presented by the members; put to vote all questions, regularly moved, and announce the result; to enforce the observance of decorum in debate among the members; and, in general, to perform all the duties incumbent upon a presiding officer.
8. Duties of Clerk.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Association to keep a fair record of the proceedings, to notify committees of their appointment, and to preserve the papers belonging to the Association, and to attend to the printing of the minutes, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.
9. Duty of Members.—Any member, rising to speak, shall address the Moderator.
10. Any member in speaking shall confine himself to the subject under consideration.
11. No member shall speak more than thrice upon the same subject without permission of the Moderator.
12. No member will be permitted to indulge in talking or whispering, or any indecorous conduct to the annoyance of the body in time of debate.
13. No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the Moderator.
14. These rules may be altered by a majority of the members at a regular session of this body.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

- The Moderator shall call the meeting to order.
- Read the letters and enroll the names of messengers.
- Elect Moderator and Clerk. The Clerk is Treasurer.
- Receive Correspondents from sister Associations.
- Moderator appoint committees on preaching and finance.
- Read Abstract of Principles, Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
- Call for petitionary letters.
- Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations and State Convention.
- Call for report of Standing Committees.
- Approve places of holding district meetings.
- Appoint a person to write the corresponding letter.
- The Preaching Committee to report who shall preach Introductory Sermon at the next session.
- Hear the report on Finance.
- Appoint time and place of holding the next session of this Association.
- Consider resolutions that may be entertained by the body.
- Miscellaneous business.
- On motion, this plan may be suspended and new business introduced, or the order may be changed to suit the convenience of the body.

## INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

At the next session of the Carey Association, Rev. W. A. Scott will preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. T. Davis, alternate.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—W. B. Smith, J. C. Whatley, R. C. A. Ashcraft.  
 Sabbath Schools—I. A. J. Nelson, T. L. Strickland, S. A. Quarles.  
 Temperance—W. J. L. Hood, L. F. Walker, J. S. E. Davis.  
 Periodicals—J. C. Motley, John Garrett, J. N. Moore.  
 Reading the Bible—E. M. Moore, A. A. Hubbard, Wm. Luker.  
 State of the Churches—J. D. Quarles, J. W. Orr, W. M. Worthy.  
 Obituaries—L. W. H. Walker, Geo. Wynn, E. A. Harlan.  
 Executive Committee—M. M. Driver, P. T. Wood, Y. J. A. Bartlett, L. A. Gibson,  
 J. A. Bell.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

First District—Liberty church on Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1887.  
 Second District—Pleasant Hill, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in July, 1887.  
 Third District—Mount Olive, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1887.  
 Fourth District—Mount Pleasant church, on Friday before 3d Sunday in July, 1887.

The Association stands adjourned to meet with Ashland church, Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1887.

Brethren, do not write your reports till you get to the Association, and then get a scrap of paper and a pencil and write on your knee. We will have good reports again!!

CLERK.

## IN MEMORIAM.

### ELDER ISAAC S. WEAVER.

It is our painful duty to note the death of one of our aged and most highly respected, as well as consecrated ministers, in the person of our departed brother, Rev. Isaac S. Weaver, whose spirit went to God who gave it on the 21st of October, 1888. In his death, though old as he was, the Baptist denomination sustained the loss of a wise and safe counsellor, a devoted preacher, whose love for the Holy Bible was the crowning virtue of his ministry. He has been actively engaged as a minister for about forty years, and was one of the pioneer preachers of Alabama.

His work was begun in Alabama as a missionary under the supervision of the State Mission Board of Georgia. For several years his field of labor was on each side of the Tallapoosa river in Randolph county. There are several churches in that section that were constituted under his ministry thirty and thirty-five years ago. For several years he had been engaged as a pastor because of old age and his many infirmities. His <sup>pastor</sup> work is a beautiful example for Christians. He loved his denomination and fostered and supported all the objects of benevolence and institutions of Baptists.

His honesty of purpose and love for the right and for justice always made him respected by all. His unassuming and timid nature characterized him as a man of peace and a man of great personal esteem for others. The committee can but say, "He is not dead; but sleepeth;" for those who die the death of the righteous are blessed; and those who die in Christ have a home beyond and after the judgment will be clothed with immortality, and given a place at the right hand of God, there to dwell forevermore.

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	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Baptized	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed	Dead buried	Total Mem- bership	Sab. of Meet- ings	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Evang. Missions.	Minute Fund.
1st DISTRICT. 2D DISTRICT. 3D DISTRICT. 4TH DISTRICT.	Ashland	W. M. Scarborough	J. W. Jordan	Ashland	1	2	4	4	98	18	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 75	
	Hatchet Grove	John Ward	J. D. Garrett	Hatchet Creek	1	3	1	6	82	1	5 70	1 60	1 60		
	Friends-chip	J. A. Shaddix	G. W. Wyatt	Idaho	1	3	1	6	94	1	1 50	1 50			
	Liberty	W. M. Scarborough	J. E. Upchurch	Ashland	14	2	1	1	91	3	2 00	1 50			
	Pole Bridge	J. A. Shaddix	Wm. Parson	Ashland	8	1	1	1	91	3	2 00	1 50			
	Mt. Lebanon	M. Hudkins		White Cloud											
	Lidbury Hill		O. G. Pruitt	Ashland	7	2	1	1	43	3	2 50		1 0		
	Spring Hill (C)	W. M. Scarborough	M. W. Whitley	Idaho									1 50		
	Mt. Zion	R. K. Fonger	J. W. Hughes	Harlan	2	8		2	33	4			1 25		
	Pleasant Hill				1	1	1	1	4	2	8 00	2 00	1 50		
	Providence	L. A. J. Nelson	W. H. Harlan	Hackneyville	5	6	1	6	100	3	23 70	2 00	2 00		
	Rock Spring	T. A. J. Nelson	B. F. Luker	Ellis	13	2	1	1	66	1	2 00		2 00		
	Rocky Crison	J. R. Conger	W. R. Botton	Cowpens	2	2	1	2	25	3			1 25		
	Sardis	W. T. Davis	J. W. Hobbs	Gibsonville	4	4	1	4	16	4	5 00		1 75		
	Antioch	J. A. Shaddix	J. W. Sewell	Chandler Spring	7	2	1	1	29	4			45		
	Bothel	J. N. Moore	W. T. Dugg	Iddsville	7	2	1	1	5	1			2 50		
	County Line	J. M. Worley	T. J. Strickland	Mellow Valley	12	3	1	2	9	132	25	6 40	6	2 00	
	Corliss	L. W. H. Walker	J. E. Carier	Wheelersville	4	1	1	1	34	4			1 50		
	Holly Spring	L. W. H. Walker	E. C. McDaniel	Almond	4	1	1	1	34	4			63		
	Mt. Culvary	R. M. Allen	T. J. Worley	Emuckaw	1	1	1	7	8	76			1 25		
Mt Olive	R. M. Allen	A. H. Fargason	Mellow Valley	112	2	2	9	50	2			1 00			
Mountain Spring	J. C. Motley	W. O. Hodnett	Davison	6	5	1	1	37	1			75	1 75		
Spring Hill (T)	J. C. Motley	J. F. Isen	Daviston	5	6	4	9	135	8	2 00	1 50	4 00			
Concord	E. M. Moore	A. A. Roberts	Flat Rock	1	2	3	3	83	3			1 45			
Good Hope	E. M. Moore	W. H. Grima	Lineville	1	3	3	1	45	2			2 25	1 80		
Lincoln	W. T. Davis	J. A. Bell	Lineville	1	8	1	122	1	106	1	7 80	1 50			
Mt. Gilgad															
Mt. Prospect	H. C. Ashcraft	J. M. Garrett	Duglar	1	1	1	1	163	1						
Mt. Pleasant	H. C. Knight	V. J. Green	Lineville	1	1	1	1	70	3			5 00	1 00		
Salem	W. M. Werthy	S. Y. Lambreth	Wheelersville	19	7	3	6	138	3	1 50	1 00				
Shiloh	E. M. Moor	H. Runyan	Ashland	2	2	2	7	2	47						

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